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United by friendship and bravery, Patriot, Hawkeye, Wiccan, Hulkling, Stature, Speed and the Vision are the Young Avengers, following in the footsteps of Earth's mightiest heroes! While superhuman registration temporarily caused the team to cease operations, they are ready to return to the streets to take on the threats no single super hero can withstand!

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MY NAME IS TEDDY ALTMAN...

NO. THAT'S TERRIBLE.

HI. I'M HULKLING, I'M ONE OF THE YOUNG AVENGERS AND I'M--

UGH. THAT'S EVEN WORSE.

SOMEBODY TELL ME! WHAT SHOULD I *SAY?!* I SHOULD HAVE THOUGHT THIS THROUGH BEFORE *NOW.*

BECAUSE RIGHT THIS INSTANT, *ALL* THAT COMES TO MIND IS--

CAPTAIN MARVEL? HI, MY NAME IS TEDDY ALTMAN.

IT'S A PLEASURE TO MEET YOU, TEDDY.

HEH. *YOU TOO.*

NO! OH, MAN, I'M *SCREWING* THIS UP!

I--I'M **SORRY.** I'M DOING THIS WRONG. I DIDN'T MEAN TO ACTUALLY CALL YOU OVER. I WAS JUST WATCHING STARK TOWER BECAUSE I'D HEARD YOU WERE THERE, AND WHEN I SAW YOU I SORT OF--

SIGH

I THOUGHT **SO MUCH** ABOUT WHAT I WAS GOING TO SAY AND I DON'T THINK I EVER REALLY THOUGHT ABOUT HOW I WANTED TO **SAY IT.**

DOES THAT MAKE **ANY** SENSE?

AT **ALL?**

TEDDY? I DO NOT MEAN TO BE SHORT WITH YOU, BUT THERE IS SOMEWHERE I NEED TO BE--

I'M YOUR SON.

MY **WHAT?**

YOU AND PRINCESS ANELLE--

ANELLE?

HOW DO *YOU* KNOW OF--

OH, *PLEASE* DON'T TELL ME THE SUPER-SKRULL WAS LYING.

SUPER-SKRULL?!

WHY IS EVERYTHING YOU'RE SAYING A *QUESTION?*

MAYBE YOU SHOULD START FROM THE *BEGINNING.*

SEVERAL DAYS AGO...

"I SAW YOU ON TV, WITH THAT *GIANT ROBOT* AND THE *AVENGERS*...

"I WAS OUT WITH BILLY IN TIMES SQUARE, AND WHEN I SAW YOU, I SAID THE SAME THING EVERYBODY ELSE DID."

I THOUGHT HE WAS *DEAD*?!

HE LOOKS PRETTY HEALTHY FOR A DEAD GUY.

MAYBE IT'S NOT REALLY HIM?

LIKE, MAYBE IT'S JUST SOMEBODY ELSE IN HIS COSTUME?

THAT'S WHAT I'M GONNA GO *FIND OUT.*

TEDDY!

WAIT UP!

TEDDY! TEDDY!

WE'RE GONNA GET BUSTED FLYING AROUND LIKE THIS! WHAT DO YOU THINK YOU'RE DOING?!

HE'S MY *DAD*, BILLY.

YOU *THINK* HE'S YOUR DAD.

SUPER-SKRULL SAID--

SAID CAPTAIN MARVEL WAS YOUR DAD. YEAH. I KNOW. I WAS THERE?

I ALSO WATCHED HIM KILL THE WOMAN YOU *THOUGHT* WAS YOUR *MOM*.

BILLY...

OH, TEDDY...

I'M SORRY.

I'M SORRY. THAT JUST CAME OUT. I DIDN'T MEAN--

I JUST-- WHAT ARE YOU PLANNING ON DOING, EXACTLY?

STROLLING UP TO CAPTAIN MARVEL AND SAYING, "YOU'RE MY DAD"?

BECAUSE NO MATTER WHO HE *REALLY* IS, THAT MIGHT FREAK HIM OUT A LITTLE BIT.

I...

I GUESS I NEVER REALLY GOT A *BETTER* IDEA.

IN YOUR STORY, YOU MENTIONED YOU ARE A *SHAPE-SHIFTER.*

OH, *YEAH!*

I GUESS IT'S THE *SKRULL* PART OF ME.

AND I'M SUPER-STRONG, WHICH SUPER-SKRULL THOUGHT MAYBE WAS BECAUSE *YOU...*

YOU CAN UNDERSTAND HOW THIS MIGHT BE A BIT OF A *SHOCK* TO ME.

WELL, YEAH. I--

I MUST THINK ABOUT THIS NEWS.

I PROMISE TO BE IN TOUCH AGAIN SOON.

"WICCAN WAS CORRECT. APPROACHING CAPTAIN MARVEL WITH SUCH NEWS MUST HAVE UNSETTLED HIM TREMENDOUSLY."

I SAW HIM FLYING AWAY FROM STARK TOWER. WHAT WAS I SUPPOSED TO DO?

I MIGHT HAVE SUGGESTED TRYING TO CONTACT HIM THROUGH TONY STARK.

YEAH, BECAUSE TONY STARK RETURNS MY PHONE CALLS.

EMPIRE CITY BA

I DON'T THINK I EVER ACTUALLY WANTED TO GET MY FATHER'S ATTENTION. THEN AGAIN, I *KNEW* MY FATHER...

CAN WE FOCUS ON THE CRAZY CYBORG BANK ROBBERS, PLEASE?!

I'VE HEARD ENOUGH OF CAPTAIN MARVEL, CAPTAIN MARVEL, CAPTAIN MARVEL.

IT'S TEDDY'S *DAD*, ELI.

NO, IT'S TEDDY'S *FATHER*, NOT HIS *DAD*.

TRUST ME WHEN I TELL YOU THERE'S A *DIFFERENCE*.

BE CAREFUL TO CUT ONLY THE ROBOTIC PORTIONS SO AS NOT TO HARM--

THE CRAZY CRIMINALS WHO JUST BLEW UP A BANK? GOTCHA.

NEW YORK'S FINEST!

MUST BE TIRED OF US DOING THEIR JOB FOR THEM!

I TOTALLY *GET* THE WANTING TO TALK TO YOUR REAL PARENTS THING.

BUT I'M JUST NOT SURE TEDDY'S DOING IT RIGHT.

BY THE WAY, WE'RE LEAVING!

I want to leave I want to leave...

ALL I'M SAYING TO TEDDY IS, CAPTAIN MARVEL JUST CAME BACK TO LIFE--

ACTUALLY, I HEARD IT MIGHT BE A TIME TRAVEL THING--

WHATEVER. WORLD'S CHANGED A LOT SINCE THE GUY DIED.

I want to leave I want to leave...

HE'S GOT PLENTY TO COPE WITH AND DOESN'T NEED SOME KID SHOWING UP SAYING "HEY, I'M YOUR SON!"

BUT THIS ISN'T ALL ABOUT CAPTAIN MARVEL. TEDDY--

GETTING READY TO TELEPORT, GUYS! GET CLOSE TO ME!

IT ISN'T ALL ABOUT TEDDY, EITHER.

TEDDY! YOU ARE GOING TO MISS THE TELEPORT!

TEDDY! COME CLO--

FREEZE, PAL! HANDS IN THE AIR!

NEW YORK

SQUEEZE FOR

OKAY, SO YOU *TRASHED* SOME BAD GUYS, AND IT DIDN'T REALLY HELP YOU FEEL ANY BETTER.

YOU BLEW OFF THE TEAM RENDEZVOUS, PROBABLY SCARING ALL OF THEM TO DEATH.

YOU REALLY SHOULD CALL THEM, LET THEM KNOW YOU'RE NOT IN JAIL...

+SIGH+

I AM CURIOUS. WHAT DID YOU THINK WOULD HAPPEN?

WHAT REACTION DID YOU EXPECT ME TO HAVE?

I DON'T KNOW.

I...I JUST FELT LIKE I NEEDED TO SEE YOU.

TO TELL YOU...

MY APOLOGIES FOR LEAVING SO QUICKLY. I WAS RATHER PREOCCUPIED WHEN YOU FIRST DREW MY ATTENTION--

VISION SAID YOU'D COME BACK.

DID HE? AN *INTERESTING* MAN, THE VISION.

HE'S *CHANGED* A BIT SINCE YOU SAW HIM LAST.

MUCH HAS.

I'M *SORRY* I JUST DROPPED A BOMB LIKE THAT. I KNOW IT MUST HAVE BEEN KIND OF A *SURPRISE.*

THAT IS ONE WORD FOR IT, YES.

I JUST... I NEVER EXPECTED TO MEET YOU, OR ANYTHING AND WHEN I SAW YOU, I SORT OF LOST CONTROL AND--

YOU *BELIEVE* THE SUPER-SKRULL'S STORY.

YOU'RE THE ONLY ONE WHO WOULD KNOW IF THE MOST IMPORTANT PART IS TRUE.

DID YOU AND ANELLE...?

WE WERE TOGETHER FOR A SHORT TIME, YES.

SO YOU REALLY COULD BE MY--

YES.

MY MOM--THE SKRULL LADY--SHE HAD ALL THESE STORIES ABOUT WHO MY DAD WAS.

SHE SAID HE DIED IN A CAR WRECK JUST BEFORE I WAS BORN, SO THAT'S WHY THERE WERE NO PICTURES OF ME AND HIM TOGETHER.

THAT IS A TERRIBLE THING TO TELL A CHILD.

I DON'T KNOW. BEFORE THIS WHOLE SUPER HERO THING STARTED, WHEN I WAS STILL JUST SOME DORKY KID...

...I USED TO *TALK* TO HIM.

THE DEAD MAN WHO NEVER WAS?

YEAH. I DON'T KNOW. I GUESS IT'S DUMB. BUT I USED TO PRETEND HE COULD HEAR ME AND I'D TELL HIM STUFF THAT WAS GOING ON, AND IT WOULD MAKE ME FEEL BETTER ABOUT THINGS.

I DIDN'T REALLY HAVE ANYBODY ELSE...

I WAS ABLE TO LOOK UP A *LOT* OF STUFF ABOUT YOU ONLINE.

ABOUT HOW YOU CAME HERE... ORIGINALLY, I MEAN.

AND... HOW YOU... DIED.

BUT NOBODY ON EARTH SEEMS TO KNOW ANYTHING ABOUT PRINCESS ANELLE.

SHE WAS...A *GOOD* WOMAN. STRONG.

IF NOT FOR GALACTUS DESTROYING HER WORLD, SHE WOULD HAVE BEEN A POWERFUL LEADER...MIGHT WELL HAVE BROUGHT PEACE TO OUR WARRING RACES.

SHE...

DID SHE EVER TELL YOU ABOUT ME?

ANELLE AND I NEVER SAW ONE ANOTHER AGAIN AFTER YOUR CONCEPTION.

I WISH I HAD A *BETTER* STORY TO TELL YOU.

I HAVE THOUGHT OF WHAT IT MUST BE LIKE TO BE A FATHER.

TO RAISE A SON AND TEACH HIM TO BE A MAN.

A WARRIOR.

I NEVER REALLY THOUGHT I'D BE A WARRIOR.

MALE KREE CHILDREN ARE CONSCRIPTED AT AGE NINE. TAKEN AND TRAINED TO BE THE BEST SOLDIERS IN ALL THE UNIVERSE.

HEH. WHEN I WAS NINE ALL I CARED ABOUT WAS POKEMON.

PO--

THE OPPOSITE OF TRAINING TO BE A WARRIOR.

YOU ARE A WARRIOR NOW, THOUGH. A YOUNG AVENGER?

YEAH.

THE AVENGERS ARE A PROUD TRADITION. THEY ARE EARTH'S MIGHTIEST SOLDIERS.

TO CARRY THAT NAME IS AN HONOR.

WHICH IS PROBABLY WHY THEY CONSTANTLY TELL US NOT TO CALL OURSELVES THAT.

I AM PROUD OF YOU. I WAS MADE A WARRIOR BECAUSE IT IS THE WAY OF MY PEOPLE.

BUT *YOU* CHOSE THE PATH OF YOUR OWN FREE WILL. YOU COULD HAVE DONE SOMETHING EASIER, AND YOU DID NOT.

I CAN'T *BELIEVE* I DIDN'T ASK YOU THIS *BEFORE*-- HOW ARE YOU BACK? HOW ARE YOU *ALIVE*, I MEAN?

THAT...IS *COMPLICATED.*

THERE WAS AN *ACCIDENT.*

I WAS PROPELLED FORWARD IN TIME... AND NOW I...

AS I SAID. IT IS COMPLICATED.

NOT REALLY. I USED TO KNOW KANG THE CONQUEROR, SO I'M PRETTY UP TO SPEED ON THE WHOLE TIME TRAVEL THING.

YOU KNEW *KANG*--

COMPLICATED.

INDEED.

ARE YOU... ARE YOU GOING TO *GO BACK* TO WHEN YOU CAME FROM?

I DON'T KNOW HOW IT IS POSSIBLE, BUT I MUST ATTEMPT TO RETURN.

OH.

I HAVE CANCER.

BUT MAYBE YOU DON'T HAVE TO. THERE'S BEEN ALL KINDS OF ADVANCES SINCE YOUR DAY.

THEY CAN CURE ALL SORTS OF--

TEDDY... THIS IS NOT SOMETHING THAT CAN BE CURED.

MAYBE IT IS! HAVE YOU EVEN LOOKED INTO TREATMENT OR--

TEDDY, IT HAS ALREADY HAPPENED.

I DIED LONG AGO.

THERE IS NO UNDOING THAT.

YOU'RE JUST GOING TO GO BACK IN TIME, AND--AND *DIE?*

THAT'S IT?!

THAT'S YOUR PLAN?!

I HAVE *NO* CHOICE.

IF I *DID* STAY HERE, IF I MANAGED TO *CHEAT DEATH*, WHAT HAPPENS TO HISTORY?

WHAT THINGS ARE CHANGED BECAUSE I LIVE? WHAT *DAMAGE* IS DONE SO THAT I CAN CONTINUE?

I TOLD YOU I KNEW KANG.

I KNOW WHAT HAPPENS WHEN YOU @$%& WITH HISTORY.

THEN YOU UNDERSTAND WHY--

I SAID I *KNOW* WHY YOU CAN'T CHANGE THINGS...

I DON'T EVEN *COME CLOSE* TO *UNDERSTANDING.*

IT'S SO DAMN UNFAIR. I--I NEVER GET TO KNOW MY REAL PARENTS.

AND THE PARENTS I THOUGHT I KNEW EITHER DIDN'T EXIST OR ARE DEAD...

IT'S A HELL OF A THING TO WRAP YOUR HEAD AROUND.

TEDDY...

FOR JUST A SECOND, I COULD PRETEND I HAD A DAD.

I COULD PRETEND I'M NOT ALONE IN THE WORLD.

FOR JUST A SECOND...

YOU...YOU PROBABLY NEED TO GET GOING, HUH?

I--

YES. I SUPPOSE I DO.

I WILL SEE YOU AGAIN... IF I GET THE CHANCE...BEFORE I RETURN TO MY TIME.

THAT WOULD BE NICE.

AND IT WOULD HAVE BEEN NICE...

...BUT I NEVER SAW HIM ALIVE AGAIN.

DRUIDS KEEP

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